

# Special Sale Saturday on Furs, Cloaks & Suits at Levy's

## First Christmas

The first Christmas celebrated inside a house on the American continent was on December 25, 1618. Our Puritan ancestors finished their first house at Plymouth, Mass., having spent more than a month in wandering about in search of a place of settlement. The company was divided into 19 families, and to each person was assigned a lot for house and garden. It was not a very cheerful Christmas for the Puritans. All of them could not be accommodated inside the house, so that some of them were left out in the cold, but the religious features of the day were not forgot, ten, and it may be said that the Babe of Bethlehem was prayed to and sung to in a most fervent manner.

One of the latest development in Hun treachery is the plot laid by the former kaiser to get back his throne. Mackensen and Ludendorf, the two who have always been the kaiser's chief buchers, were deep into the plot. Since it has been discovered and made public, the Crown Prince comes forth with the defiant statement that he has surrendered none of his rights. Then the war may not be over yet. Anyway, the peace of the world will not be assured while that bunch are alive. Any one of them is guilty of crimes enough to hang him a thousand times, but once will make the world safe if the job is well done.

## Election Notice

The annual election for nine directors of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Monroe City, Missouri, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at its Banking House on Monday, January 13, 1919. Polls open from nine o'clock, a. m. to twelve o'clock noon.

W. R. P. Jackson, Cashier.

Mrs. R. E. Leake and little daughter, Rosemary, of Hunnewell, spent part of the week in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Sharp.

## Christmas Epigrams

It is a wise Santa who keeps his whiskers away from the candles. Better broken toys than broken hearts.

Never look a gift in the price tag. Many a man puts on long white whiskers and thinks he looks like Santa Claus when he looks more like a goat—and perhaps he is.

One thing they missed during the Spanish Inquisition—Christmas cigars!

Shopping done in time is the noblest work of woman!

A Christmas gift by any other name doesn't cost half as much.

A gift in the hand is worth two in the postoffice.

Many a man gets a girl under the mistletoe only to find himself, a little later, under her thumb.

A pound of steak to a poor man is worth a ton of holiday greetings.

## Commits Suicide

News reached here Saturday that Samuel M. Gray, a former 45 years old, who lived about 5 miles north of Hunnewell on the Dick Thomas farm, had committed suicide that morning at 6:30 o'clock, using a shotgun with which he blew off part of his face and head. The only reason which can be assigned for his rash act is that he had been worrying about a brother he had in France. His wife had just left the room to get him a drink of water when the tragedy occurred. He leaves a wife, two brothers and one sister to mourn his loss.—Shelbyville Herald.

Rev. W. Garnet Alcorn, formerly pastor of the Christian Church in this city but now of Lathrop, has accepted a call to the Fulton Christian Church. He expects to begin his new work January 1. Rev. Alcorn will get a salary of \$2300 a year, besides a months vacation each year and all expenses to district and national conventions.

Mrs. Robert C. Keene went to St. Louis Monday for a several weeks stay with her sister.

# Ready For Christmas!

WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF

Candies Nuts Grape Fruit  
Oranges Apples

Candles and Snow for Decoration

Fresh Oysters, Celery, Cranberries,  
Fresh Pies, Cakes and Bread

# M. C. HAWKINS

Jamie Whitecotton, son of Hon. and Mrs. J. H. Whitecotton of Moberly, died at his home Wednesday night about 8 o'clock of pneumonia, following an attack of Spanish influenza. He was about 30 years old and was born in Paris. He was a resident of Paris until after his graduation from the local high school, when he removed with his parents to Moberly. He leaves, besides his parents, two sisters and one brother, Mrs. David Proctor of Kansas City, and Miss Bessie Whitecotton and Tildon Whitecotton of Moberly.

Olney Bowles, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gratz Bowles living near Philadelphia was accidentally killed Thursday, December 12. Mr. Bowles was caught in a corn shredder and received painful injuries which was the cause of his death.

## Christmas Customs

The children of Russia, Italy and Spain spend Christmas day in worship at their churches and receive their presents on January 6.

On this same day French children have a great celebration and cut the "king's cake," which is a round cake, usually, with a china image baked in it. Whoever cuts the slice that contains the image is king or queen for the day, and the rest of the children must do everything the king or queen does.

In Norway and Sweden they have Christmas services in their churches at four o'clock in the morning and the kind-hearted children scatter wheat for the hungry birds.

Germany was the first country to use Christmas trees, and from England we get our idea of hanging the stockings by the chimneys, burning the yule log and hanging up the branches of mistletoe.

In Holland on Christmas eve the children fill their stockings with hay and oats for the white horse that they believe Santa Claus rides. In the morning they find the hay and oats gone and instead are presents for good children and a rod or chunk of coal for the bad ones. The young men of the town arise at two o'clock in the morning and sing Christmas hymns, carrying a star on a high pole that is lighted by a candle inside of the star. The singing of Christmas carols is the way we follow the story in the Bible, when the shepherds heard the angels sing when Christ was born: "Peace on earth; good will to men."

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Robey and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. O'Daniel attended the Northeast Missouri Lumberman's Association in Hannibal, Saturday. Mr. Robey of the Robey-Robinson Lumber Co., had the honor of being elected president of that organization. U. D. Orcutt, of Hannibal was elected secretary.

Mrs. W. W. Tait and little daughter returned from Anabel, Sunday. She was called there by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Geo. Scott, who was very little improved when she left her.

Mrs. S. J. Robertshaw after a two weeks visit in this city went to Carruthersville, Mo., Monday at which place she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Crews Reynolds and family.

## Watch Meetings

A "Patriotic Watch Meeting" is to be held in every Missouri school-house on Tuesday night, December 31.

Missourians in town and country "will watch the Old Year out and the New Year in."

As the evening passes the boy who has come back from France will tell his story of the smashing of the Hun. The sailor "home from the seas" will describe the deep-sea hunt for the U-boats. Letters will be read from the lads who are forming Liberty's Watch on the Rhine.

It will be an old-fashioned American "Watch Meeting" of patriots who have watched the war through and done their part at home, or in the service, in the trench or in the furrow, at the bench or in the camp.

At these meetings called by the War Saving Stamps School District Committeemen there will be given out, to all who have redeemed their War Saving Stamps pledges, a New Year Greeting Card, to be mailed to some relative or friend in the military or naval service of the United States by the one who has redeemed the pledge.

It is at this meeting that the names of all those who have failed to keep their obligations in redeeming their pledges will be announced. The names of those who have kept their pledges and bought W. S. S. according to their means will be placed upon the district roll of patriots. This roll is to be preserved in order that the Americans of the future may know who did and who did not help their country like true Americans in its time of stress.

This old-fashioned Watch Meeting of patriots will close up the W. S. S. campaign for 1918. It will be the last chance for the Missourian who has not redeemed his pledge to redeem it. It gives everyone the opportunity to quit the old year and enter upon the new with his duty done to his country. Those who attend these Watch Meetings will never forget them, for they are to be a fitting climax to a year of great endeavor and sacrifice in the winning of the world's greatest war.

Mrs. Loyd Redman and sister, Miss Cornelia Tuley have been spending a few days in Quincy with Mrs. Wesley Drescher.

Miss Mae Johnson left Saturday night for Coin, Iowa to spend two weeks with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Luke.



# THIS WEEK ONLY!

3 Packages Skinners Macaroni.....	25c
3 Packages Skinners Spaghetti.....	25c
1 Gallon Can Pitted Cherries.....	\$1.35
1 Gallon Can Pie Peaches.....	\$1.00
2 Large Cans Pumpkin.....	25c
1 Peck Baldwin Apples.....	60c
1 Large Can Sunbrite Cleanser.....	5c
1 Large Can Apricots.....	30c
1 Large Can Peaches.....	25c 30c
1 Bottle Catsup.....	15c
1 Large Can Apple Butter.....	20c
Mark Twain Corn.....	15c
Golden Corn.....	15c
Sifted Buffalo Peas.....	15c

We always have on hand the nicest  
fresh young meats of all kinds

# C. F. DIERKS

Monroe City, Missouri.